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Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 41st and 55th meetings, on 11 May and 25 June 2009. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/63/SR.41 and 55).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Final performance report of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (A/63/681);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/63/746/Add.1).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/63/L.44

4. At its 55th meeting, on 25 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone" (A/C.5/63/L.44), submitted by the Chairman of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/63/L.44 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the final performance of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone and the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone as at 30 April 2009, including the credits in the amount of 44.9 million United States dollars;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the final performance of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone;[1]

4. *Decides* that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission shall be credited with their respective share of the net cash available in the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone in the amount of 15,633,000 dollars as at 30 April 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2006, as set out in Assembly resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

5. *Encourages* Member States that are owed credits referred to in paragraph 4 above to apply those credits to any accounts where the Member State concerned has outstanding assessed contributions;

6. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their assessed contributions in full;

7. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their respective share of the net cash available in the Special Account for the Mission in the amount of 15,633,000 dollars as at 30 April 2009 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 4 above;

8. *Also decides* that updated information on the financial position of the Mission shall be included in the report on the updated position of closed peacekeeping missions, to be considered by the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth

[1] A/63/681.

[2] A/63/746/Add.1

session under the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations".

9. *Further decides* that the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone" shall be deleted from its agenda.